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## Oil Search's Rugby League World Cup provincial Trophy Tour begins

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Sporting history is being made as Oil Search brings the iconic Paul Barrière Trophy to the provinces of PNG through the Oil Search Trophy Tour which begins today until 13 October.

Local Papua New Guineans from various provinces around the country will get to see the Trophy which is presented to the winner of the sport's pinnacle international event, the Rugby League World Cup (RLWC).

The trophy was in Port Moresby for a brief visit in April and has now returned for its nationwide tour.

From Lae, it makes a historic journey to the townships of Wau and Bulolo, where rugby league was first played in PNG in the 1930s. From there, it travels to Goroka, Tari, Kokopo and Kavieng and many places in between. It will be reminiscent of the very successful Oil Search Pacific Games Relay in 2015, which was an exciting time for both PNG and Oil Search.

"We are excited to bring the Paul Barrière Trophy to the people of PNG that live beyond Port Moresby," said Leon Buskens, General Manager PNG Stakeholder Engagement, Oil Search.

"PNG is a proud rugby league nation and this trophy is the most prestigious prize in international rugby league. As a proud PNG company, whose core operations lie beyond Port Moresby, it made sense for us to partner with the tournament organisers and take the trophy beyond the city to the provinces of PNG.

"The Oil Search Trophy Tour is about connecting as many people as we can to the excitement of the 2017 Rugby League World Cup, many of whom may not be able to travel to Port Moresby or watch the games on television."

"It is an exciting time for us as we travel around Lae, Goroka, Hela, Kutubu and Kavieng to name a few. Stay tuned for more details as we make our way around the countryside. This is an exciting time for PNG and an exciting time for Oil Search."

Oil Search is proud to be a platinum partner of the 2017 Rugby League World Cup in PNG, platinum sponsor of the Oil Search PNG Orchids, PNG's first ever international women's rugby team and naming rights sponsor of the world-class Oil Search National Football Stadium.

Oil Search would also like to sincerely thank all the companies that are partnering with us to deliver a successful trophy tour – Lae Biscuit Company in Lae, Harmony Gold in Wau/Bulolo, Pacific Helicopters in Eastern Highlands and Newcrest Mining in New Ireland.

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